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QRHS holds Virtual Veterans Day ceremony

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

BARRE – Quabbin Regional School District Superintendent Sheila Muir said the high school held its annual Veterans Day Ceremony virtually Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Normally, the high school would hold an in person Veterans Day program and invite area Veterans. This year due to COVID-19 the program went virtual. Music director, Toni Brown, worked with three students, who provided patriotic music. The Hubbardston Center School kindergarten class recited a poem. Fifth graders at Oakham Center School lead the Pledge of Allegiance and also read a poem.

State Rep. Anne Gobi spoke and Veterans participated from local vet centers and the Brookfield Institute.

Parent survey

Superintendent Sheila Muir said at last Thursday's school committee meeting another parent survey would be sent to parents and guardians. The survey offered the opportunity to move their children from in person to remote or remote to in person learning for the second half of the school year.

Student enrollment

The superintendent said the increased number of home school students and declining enrollment in preschool classes resulted in a small decline in overall enrollment. She said the trend was across the state and she and other superintendents were watching this closely and working with legislators.

Athletic update

Mark Miville, athletic director, said the fall athletic season would end next week. He said there were no positive COVID-19 cases among Quabbin athletes. They were exposed to some athletes with COVID from other schools.

School committee member Richard Allan asked about basketball. Mitville said basketball and ice hockey were downgraded to moderately high risk. Wrestling and cheerleading were considered high risk and won't happen. He said, "Our district is holding off to Dec. 14." The decision on winter sports goes to sports medicine, then COVID task force and finally, the board of directors for a decision.

Audit report

Cheryl Duval, director of administrative services, said normally the district's auditors give the school committee a report in October. She said due to a "glitch" not on the part of the district, the audit was not completed. The auditors were waiting for figures from Worcester County Retirement Board.

Meals update

Duval said in October the school served 970 breakfasts per day, mostly in the middle/high school. Lunches were down to 320 per day. She said on Oct. 12 the district became an open site serving free food from the government to all children in the district. The district is serving 270 meals per day with this program.

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Barre honors Veterans Day



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Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard: Scott Tourtellot, George Podmore and Christopher Tourtellot are shown at the Barre Veterans Day ceremony.



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Barre Post 2 Honor Guard are shown from left Dennis Fleming, David Hardaker, Tony Musnicki, Art Rossi and Ron Phelps at the annual Veterans Day ceremony on North Common in Barre.

Remembering Quabbin's First Champions

The 1970 Western Mass. Soccer Champs, Part 3

Note: This is the final part of a three part series.

By Mike Richard

Many schools have to wait a long time to achieve athletic success and championships are not easily won.

At Quabbin in the fall of 1970 – in only the fourth year since the school had been in existence – the Panthers captured the Western Mass. soccer championship. This is the final segment of a three-part series looking back on that memorable season of 50 years ago.

With the school closed in observance of the Veteran's Day holiday on November 11, 1970, eight busloads of fans and more than 800 Quabbin supporters braved overcast and rainy weather to travel to Springfield for the historic soccer appearance of the Panthers in the finals.

Their opponents in this round was Granby High School, Bi-County League champions that hadn't lost in 13 games. The



Turley Publications Courtesy Photo

Quabbin celebrates the game's only goal.

Rams had knocked off top-seeded Gateway in the semifinals to set up the finals meeting.

In a curious switch, Quabbin coach Charlie Campbell named senior Paul Czabaj to start the game in goal, replacing his initial choice for a starter. The decision was even more incredible in lieu of the fact that Czabaj had not played a single game in goal, all season long.

Several years later, Campbell recalled that the reason for the switch occurred on the team bus, on the way to the game itself.

"I went to the kid I had planned on for goalie, and he was as white as his sheet," the coach recalled. "He said to me, 'Please put Czabaj in the goal.' There's no doubt about it, the kid was scared."

Campbell said that Czabaj, the eventual MVP of the squad, agreed to step in as the goalie saying he would try his best.

The Quabbin squad had its share of trying times that day, also.

Midway through the second period of the game with Granby,

Hubbardston becomes 'red' community

COVID-19 cases increase by six in two weeks

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

HUBBARDSTON – The town of Hubbardston recently became a "red" community since Thursday, Oct. 29.

Town administrator Ryan McLane said in a report to selectmen and posted on the town website, "The town of Hubbardston is now a "red" community according to the state. This means that we have greater than eight cases per 100,000 residents. While this is a low bar for smaller towns, it does demonstrate that we have had significant spread in the last 14 days. The report cites Hubbardston as having six cases in the last 14 days and 14 (including the new six) since the COVID-19 outbreak."

McLane said at the Nov. 3 meeting a community would have to be

"red" for three weeks before there was any impact. He said there was a change, the library went from 60% to 40% capacity.

He said he inquired about schools switching to all remote or closing for a few days. The decision would be collaborative between the school district, the board of health and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

McLane also said in his report, "The Board [selectmen] should continue to monitor the situation in consultation with the schools and the Board of Health to determine any changes in service delivery. At this time, I am recommending no change from our current Town Department posture of appointment-only services at the Town Offices. Our employees are continuing to work in their offices and are complying with social-distancing guidelines."

Assessing department

For the next six weeks, McLane

See HUBBARDSTON, page 5

Focus of mindfulness/meditation workshop is gratitude

By Paula Ouimette
Correspondent

BARRE – The holidays will be celebrated very differently this year, as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our daily lives. Family and friends will break from traditional gatherings for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, and celebrate it in a way that maintains social distancing guidelines. This change in routine has added pressure to an already stressful time of year and has exasperated feelings of isolation that many people may already be experiencing.

Listening Wellness Center, 35 South St., has provided a number of mind/body services to residents of Barre and surrounding towns for the past 20 years. They have

successfully transitioned their programs to a virtual format using Zoom, and are now able to reach a greater number of people, both near and far. Their first virtual program being a free yoga series offered this past summer with Eowyn Ahlstrom.

Eowyn Ahlstrom, M.Ed., LMT, RYT, a member of the Board of Directors at the Listening Wellness Center, facilitates programs in mindfulness, meditation and yoga. She has qualifications as licensed massage therapist, a registered yoga teacher and a certified mindfulness-based stress reduction teacher. Ahlstrom has a Master's degree in education and is the author of "Mindscapes: Practice Poems."

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Parks and Recreation to host 'Light up Oakham'

OAKHAM – The Oakham Parks and Recreation will host the first ever "Light up Oakham" Holiday Decorating Contest. Oakham residents may show off their illumination talents. Participants may email parksandrec@oakham-ma.gov to enter the contest by Sunday, Nov. 22. The house should be decorated for voting by Saturday, Dec. 5. People may vote for their favorite between Dec. 5 through Dec. 12. Map and on-line voting form will be available on the Oakham Parks and Recreation Facebook Page. People, who do not Internet capabilities may email Parks and Recreation for a map.

First place prize is a giant inflatable Gemmy Animated Projection Airblown Santa and Dogs Decorating Tree Scene standing 9.5 feet tall and second place prize is an inflatable snowman family standing 6 feet tall. Winners will be announced Saturday, Dec. 19.

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Cultural Council grants due Dec. 14

The Barre Cultural Council set a Dec 14 postmark deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community. These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Barre including exhibits, festivals, short-term artist residencies or performance in schools, workshops and lectures. The Barre Cultural Council will also entertain funding proposals from schools and youth groups to provide subsidies for school-ages children to attend cultural field trips.

The Barre Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and town in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grass roots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community. This year, due to State budget not being approved, the Barre Cultural Council is not yet aware of its allocations.

Applications forms and more information about the local Cultural Council Program are available online at www.mass-culturecouncil.org. The Barre Cultural Council accepts paper applications via mail at Barre Cultural Council, 40 West St., Suite 5, Barre, MA 01005.

Womens Fellowship wreath sale

Due to the pandemic it has been decided that there will be no fair at the Barre Congregational Church this year. The Womens Fellowship will hold its annual wreath sale. The wreaths will be available the first week in December. They come decorated with a simple bow or with decoration of choice. The wreaths will be \$28 this year and are 14inches in diameter. People wishing to purchase a wreath may call Wendy Isgro at 978-928-5180.

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Quabbin Liquors reopens Friday

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

BARRE – This Friday, Quabbin Liquors reopens following a fire that damaged the building in April.

Owner Monil “Monty” Patel says the store has more room and expanded products. The additional space comes from a former office no longer occupied in the strip mall at Quabbin Plaza. The register, lottery, Keno, cigars, a cigar humidor, snacks, a soda cooler and more fill the new space.

“Monty” plans to expand all products on shelves, which have wood fronts to allow the easy placing of signs. Customers also have additional space to practice social distancing in the store. They can easily maneuver through the aisles with sections devoted to cordials, Vodka, Tequila, Whiskey, various wines from around the

world including a cooking wine section. The large cooler contains beer. A section of the shelves will contain craft beers, which will not be refrigerated. There is a separate cooler for chilled wines.

It certainly does not look like the old store. The store has stone work outside, new glass, top line insulation and a brightness the old store did not have.

“Monty” has special holiday offerings. A section has a pairings of wine and other liquor, which goes with turkey. Following Thanksgiving, the section will feature wines and liquors for the Christmas holiday. Instead of pre-filled gift baskets for gifts, he offers empty baskets to fill with the recipient’s favorite spirits. He has bows as well. He also has a section of boxed liquors, which makes wrapping a bottle of spirits easy.

“Monty” likes his location. He says customers have ample park-

ing, can shop for groceries at the market, buy coffee at the local coffee shop and then stop in at his store, all located in Quabbin Plaza, Summer Street (Rte. 122). He likes the town of Barre and the people, who live there and the surrounding communities. In his three years here, he has not had any bad experiences.

Hours will be Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. “Monty” plans to open an hour earlier on weekdays at some point.

During this pandemic, the community can help small businesses by shopping there. Quabbin Liquors offers a lot more products and bigger space than before the fire. “Monty” says if he does not have a particular liquor, he can order it from his distributors. He will call the customer when it arrives and usually takes about a week or two weeks at the latest.

Hubbardston

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Medicare open enrollment ends Dec. 7

It’s that time of year again for Medicare enrollment. During the annual Medicare Open Enrollment Period from Thursday, Oct. 15 through Tuesday, Dec. 7, people have a chance to change their Medicare plan for next year. A trained Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone (SHINE) counselor provides free unbiased help so people can better understand their plan changes, as well as options to save on Medicare healthcare costs. People may call the Hubbardston Senior Center at 978-928-1400, extension 211 and ask for a SHINE phone appointment.

Cultural Council grant proposals

The Hubbardston Cultural Council announces that it will be accepting grant proposals to support community-oriented arts, humanities and science programs. Grant applications will be accepted until Monday, Dec.14. According to Council spokesperson William Shea, these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Hubbardston including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, performances in schools, workshops and lectures. The Hubbardston Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) serving all 351 communities in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state Legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to every community. While the total amount of funding available will be contingent upon the Mass Cultural Council’s FY 21 state budget appropriation, in past years the Hubbardston Cultural Council awarded over \$5,000 in grants per year. Previously funded projects included local musical performances at the Hubbardston Senior Center; Magical Potter’s Wheel; blacksmith demonstrations, pastel paint lessons and more. Anyone interested in submitting a grant proposal can do so by contacting William Shea at 978-928-4440 or writing him at Billshea@tiac.net. They can also go directly to <https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-culturalcouncilprogram/application-process> to file their application.

Senior center activities

The Hubbardston Senior Center continues to slowly open. The senior center has space limitations, only 10 people allowed in the building at a time. Monday and Wednesday mornings Coffee With Friends is from 9 to 11 a.m. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. is the Walking Club.

Due to space limitations, please call to register for any of the activities below:

Bingo: Monday 12-3 p.m. call Flo 978-928-5113 to register.

Meals on Wheels: Call the Senior Center 978-928-1400 extension 211. Food delivery on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Thursday is drive thru for food and eggs is 9:30 a.m. to noon.

This schedule is subject to change due to Covid restrictions.



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Members of the Rutland Lions Club set up stands for their upcoming Christmas Tree sales.

Rutland Lions Club to sell Christmas trees

RUTLAND – The Rutland Lions Club will again be selling Christmas trees behind the Cornerstone Bank on Main Street again this year. Trees will be delivered on Wednesday, Nov. 25, the day before Thanksgiving. The club plans are to start selling immediately after unloading.

All state COVID-19 protocols will be followed with masks required for both sellers and buyers. Hours of operation will be posted at the site. The club looks forward to serving the community and their many repeat customers. Proceeds from tree sales help to support Lions’ charities and local endeavors such as the Rutland Food Pantry.



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Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of Nov. 23.

Meal sites are closed and there are only Meals on Wheels deliveries.

Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MON. – Shepherd’s pie, carrots, peas, mixed fruit, marble rye bread

TUES. – Roast turkey with gravy, cornbread stuffing, winter squash, cream puff, Italian bread

WED. – Meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, chuckwagon corn, fresh fruit, pumpernickel bread

THURS. – Thanksgiving Day
No meal served

FRI. – Jambalaya, rice pilaf, green peas, pineapple, whole wheat bread
*Diabetic friendly dessert
**Higher sodium entree

Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

Note: Many meetings are closed to the public or will be held remotely.

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Sewer Commission – Nov. 19 at 7 p.m.
Finance Committee – Nov. 21 at 9:30 a.m.
Town Meeting – Nov. 21 at 10 a.m.
Conservation Committee – Nov. 24 at 7 p.m.
Felton Field Commission – Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – Dec. 2 at 1 p.m.
QRSD Collective Bargaining Subcommittee – Dec. 2 at 3:30 p.m.
Barre Housing Authority – Dec. 3 at 3 p.m.
Historical Commission – Dec. 7 at 7 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.
Library Trustees – Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.
Board of Health – Dec. 14 at 5 p.m.
Water Commission – Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
DPW Commission – Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – Dec. 24 at 11 a.m.

HARDWICK

Planning Board – Nov. 24 at 6:30 p.m.
Recycling Commission – Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Health – Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.
Paige Library Trustees – Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.
Council on Aging – Dec. 10 at 9:30 a.m.
Gilbertville Public Library – Dec. 11 at 4 p.m.
Gilbertville-Wheelwright Sewer Commissioners – Dec. 14 at 6 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Health – Nov. 24 at 6:30 p.m.
Open Space Committee – Nov. 24 at 7 p.m.
Board of Selectmen – Nov. 30 and Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board – Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Library Trustees – Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.
Historical Commission – Dec. 5 at 10 a.m.
Town Center Committee – Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.
Open Space Committee – Dec. 29 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Board of Health – Nov. 19 and Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.
Nichewaug Inn and Academy Committee 2020 – Nov. 23 at 6:30 pm.
Open Space and Recreation Committee – Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.
Council on Aging – Dec. 14 at 10 a.m.
Planning Board – Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

RUTLAND

Special Town Meeting – Dec. 3 rescheduled from Nov. 12

Cornerstone Bank to hold food drive Nov. 21

Cornerstone Bank is hosting a food drive from now until Saturday, Nov. 21. All non-perishable food items will be donated to local food pantries throughout the community.

During the drive, customers and local residents are encouraged to drop off non-perishable food items at any of Cornerstone Bank's 12 branch locations.

Drop-off locations include: 2 Center Depot Road, Charlton; 1073 Main St., Holden; 121 S. Main St., Leicester; 93 Main St., Rutland; 253-257 Main St., Southbridge; 176 Main St., Spencer; 72 W. Main Street, Spencer; 200 Charlton Road, Sturbridge; 968 Main St., Warren; 86 Worcester Road, Webster; 230 Park Avenue, Worcester and 70 W. Boylston St., Worcester.

"Our annual food drive is a great opportunity to help families in need during the holiday season," said Cornerstone Bank President and Treasurer Todd M. Tallman. "Any donation helps and is greatly appreciated."

Cornerstone Bank is an independent, mutual savings bank serving the residents, businesses and communities throughout Central Massachusetts from offices in Charlton, Holden, Leicester, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Warren, Webster and Worcester along with a Loan Center in Westborough.

Barre Food Pantry to hold distribution

BARRE – The next Barre Food Pantry distribution will occur on Thursday, Nov. 19 from 5:30-7 p.m.

The Barre Food Pantry schedules their two distributions each month on the morning of the second Wednesday and the evening of the third Thursday. Clients are invited to pick up groceries from the food pantry the evening on Thursday, Nov. 19.

The Barre Food Pantry volunteers strive to continue to fulfill their mission to get food to hungry and food insecure clients. The pantry must also continue to protect clients, volunteers and the larger community from the catastrophic spread of the novel COVID-19 virus to which no-one has immunity. Many clients and volunteers are classified as high-risk due to their age and/or underlying health conditions.

As the food pantry has since the late March distribution, in order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers

and between volunteers and clients, Nov. 19 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church.

They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers.

Based on the success of distributions so far, the food pantry volunteers believe this "drive-through" style is the safest possible way to get food to clients and to help keep everyone well.

Usually pantry volunteers and clients are able to greet each other with a smile.

With all the volunteers and many clients now wearing masks in public, the volunteers encourage everyone to wear a mask of some kind and hope that every-

one will still hear the smiles in their voices.

While the pantry typically has had an "all hands on deck" approach to welcoming volunteers, in November they will once again be working with just a very small crew.

They are preparing for the distribution by only working in shifts at the pantry, in small household/family groups. Please do not arrive to volunteer Nov. 19 without first contacting Sonja Blaney, coordinator of volunteers, at 978-355-6921 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463. The pantry sincerely appreciates all the volunteers, who have stayed home.

Because conditions have been changing rapidly, please continue to check for updates on the Barre Food Pantry website: <http://www.barrefoodbank.org/index.htm> and the Barre Food Pantry Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Barre-Food-Pantry-100156068300314/>.

Postponements and cancellations due to the coronavirus pandemic

Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge's Annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner will not be held this year due to the pandemic. They are looking forward to having this dinner next year.

St. Mary's Women's Club of Orange cancelled its Annual Fall Parish Fair. The decision was made to cancel the fair and try to hold the fair or at least parts of the fair, in the spring. It is unclear yet what this means, but most likely the chili, beans, beef stew and pies will be offered as take out and the raffles for cash and scratch tickets, restaurant gift certificates, etc. will be held in the spring. Club members will be soliciting gift certificates after the New Year for the Restaurant

Raffle, and members will be selling raffle tickets in early spring. The date for the fair and drawings will be set in the early spring.

The Barre Congregational Church Womens Fellowship decided to not hold its fair this year due to the pandemic. They will hold the annual wreath sale. The wreaths will be available the first week of December. The wreaths will be \$28 this year and are 14 inches in diameter. To order a wreath, people should call Wendy Isgro, at 978-928-5180.

The Harvest and Holly Fair will not be held this year at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4

Coldbrook Road, Oakham. However, the church will still raffle a quilt this year. Next year the fair will take place Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021.

Due to the social distancing requirements with the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual Christmas in New Braintree Craft Fair will not be held in December 2020. Next year's fair will take place Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021.

Given the current surge in COVID cases in the state, and with an abundance of caution for the health and safety of the cast and crew, Theatre at the Mount's live stream production of Winter Wonderettes is cancelled.

Oakham

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Senior grab and go lunches

The Back Door Cafe started providing grab and go lunches. The lunches feature meal site meals and are available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. To place a reservation for a meal, peoples must call 508-882-5251 at least 48 hours ahead. They may order meals for more than one day to make it easier. Seniors should call Tuesday for at Thursday meal and call Thursday for a Monday meal, as the site is not open Fridays. People then drive to the back of the Oakham Town Hall at the time arranged. They stay in their vehicle while receiving their meal. Suggested donation for each meal is \$2.50.

Oakham Historical Association

The museum, a two-story late-1700s farmhouse, also known as the Fobes-O'Donnell house, showcases the town's rich history through exhibits, military memorabilia, photos, books, historical clothing and special collections. The Annex houses several large artifacts, such as the 1860s hearse, sleigh and many other artifacts. Individuals interested in visiting the Museum and the Annex may call Linda Housman, curator, at 508-882-3990 or 508-335-4633 to schedule an appointment. The museum and annex, located at 1221 Old Turnpike Road, are free and welcome visitors of all ages. The Oakham Historical Association reminds visitors that face coverings are required and sanitizing lotion is available.

Church quilt raffle

The Oakham Congregational Church will raffle a handcrafted queen size quilt with a heart shaped pattern. Women from the church cut, pieced together and attached the colorful heart shapes. They then machine

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Questions about registering for Social Security

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I have a big 65th birthday coming up mid-March and would like your advice on registering for Social Security and Medicare. I am now unemployed, but I am seeking another gig to get me to age 67 before taking Social Security. Signed: Wondering Senior

Dear Wondering: You do not need to “register” with Social Security in advance. You don’t need to do anything with Social Security until you are ready to claim your benefits. Since you were born in 1956, your full retirement age (FRA) for Social Security purposes is 66 plus 4 months, and that is when you will be entitled to 100% of the benefit you’ve earned from a lifetime of working.

But you can, if you wish, also wait beyond your FRA to get an even bigger benefit. For each month you delay after your FRA you’ll earn Delayed Retirement Credits of .667%, which is 8% additional benefit for each year you wait. That can continue up to age 70 when your maximum benefit will be reached. In your case that would mean an age 70 benefit 29% more than your FRA benefit amount. But whenever you’re ready, you can apply for Social Security online at www.ssa.gov/retire (you must first create your “My Social Security” account to apply online).

Medicare is an entirely separate program and, unless you have “creditable” employer healthcare coverage from a new job, you should enroll in Medicare a bit prior to your 65th birthday (“creditable” coverage is a group plan with at least 20 participants). This would be during your Medicare Initial Enrollment Period (IEP), which is a 7-month window starting three months before the month you turn 65 and ending 3 months after the month you turn 65. If you don’t enroll in Medicare during your IEP and enroll later, and if you didn’t have creditable employer healthcare coverage after age 65, you will be subject to a late enrollment penalty, which will permanently increase your Medicare Part B (and Part D) premiums.

Medicare Part B is coverage for doctors and outpatient services, and Part D is prescription drug coverage, both of which require a premium; Medicare Part A is hospitalization coverage which is free if you’re eligible for Social Security. If you have “creditable” employer coverage when you turn 65, you can simply delay enrolling in Medicare Part B until your employer coverage is about to end, or until after it ends during an eight-month Special Enrollment Period during which you can enroll in Medicare Part B without penalty. But for Part D prescription drug coverage, you must enroll in a private plan within 63 days of your 65th birthday, or the end of your employer drug coverage, or you will incur a Part D late enrollment penalty for enrolling later. And remember that Medicare late enrollment penalties never go away – they are recurring for the rest of your life.

The bottom line is this: you don’t need to pre-register for either Social Security or Medicare. You can simply enroll when you are ready for benefits to start (keeping in mind that for Medicare, you must have “creditable” alternative coverage after age 65 to avoid late enrollment penalties).

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

Column

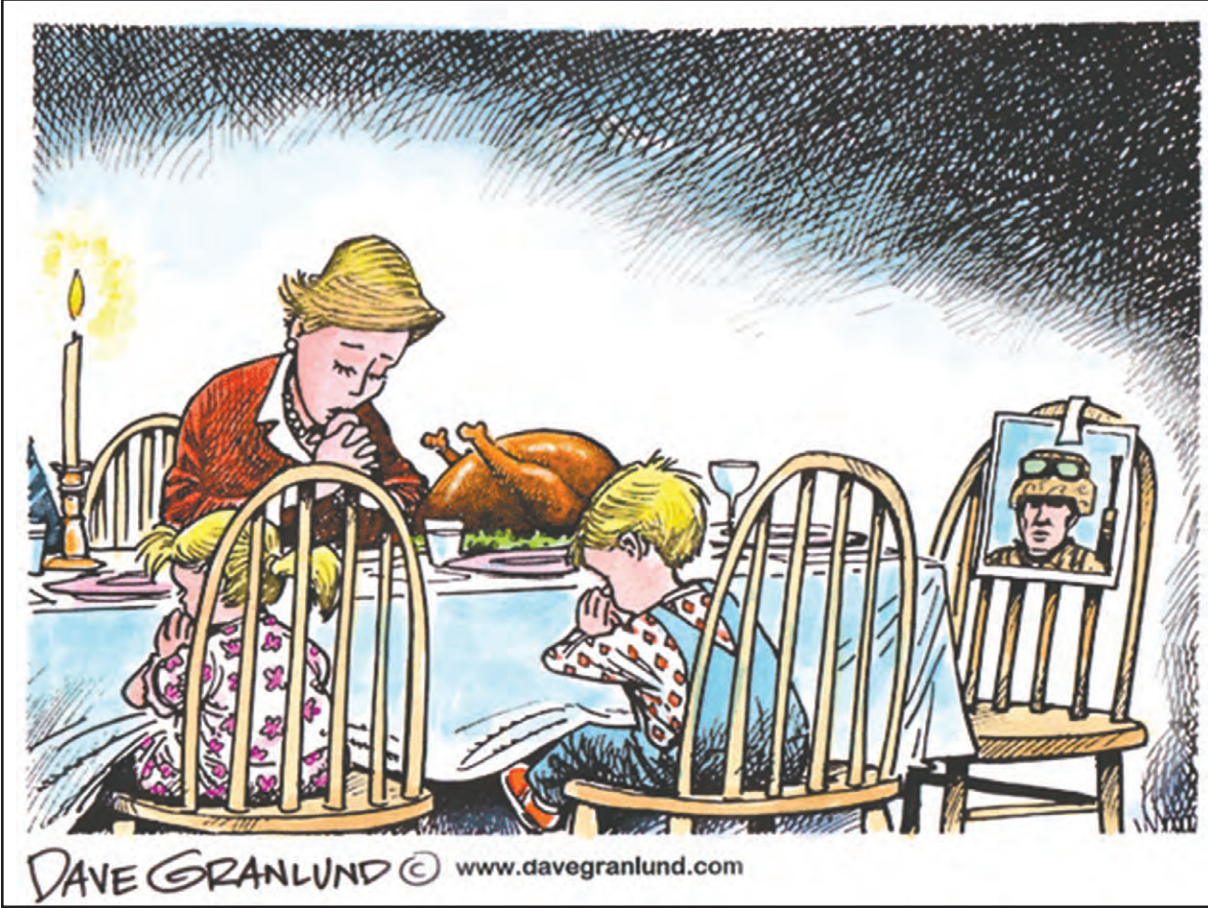
Wishing for winter squash

You should never take anything for granted, especially when it comes to the garden’s bounty. While it doesn’t seem possible to have 50 winter squash one year and none just a couple years later, that is the predicament I found myself in this fall. I thought I did everything right! I planted the seeds a day or two shy of Memorial Day in a sunny spot that had been fertilized and composted. The seedlings came up strong. I left a floating row cover over them until they were ready to bust through, preventing cucumber beetles from nibbling when they were most vulnerable. But alas, the drought came and with it a dry well. The plants became stressed. Some developed vine borer and/or powdery mildew. While it looked as if I would still get a harvest, this was just wishful thinking. Not long after setting the few fruits I had on the stone wall to cure, most began to rot. Once I realized that this is the way it

IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid
Columnist



5 years ago (Nov. 19, 2015)

The Barre Woman’s Club members and guests attended at the club’s Basil Izzi program were transported back to the story of a tragic experience in the life of one of Barre’s own young men that served in the US Navy. Seaman Izzi was only 19 years old when the ship he was on as a gunner was twice torpedoed and sank in the South Atlantic on Nov. 2, 1942 as it was crossing from Cape Town South Africa to Brazil. His harrowing survival story and rescue along with two Dutch merchant sailors 83 days after the ship when down is spellbinding. Questions from the audience were asked and some anecdotes from the residents, who had known him were added to the story. The program coincides with the theme of the Barre Woman’s Club year 2015-2016. The centennial anniversary of the club is in 2016. The focus of the entire year is “what happened” that affected Barre and/or its residents during the 100 years.

University of Rhode Island student Emily Caron of Oakham recently completed a summer 2015 internship with Galapagos Boutique. Caron is majoring in journalism.

U.S. Congressman Jim McGovern announced that Tom Colyer, owner of Greenwood Hill Farm in Hubbardston, is among the newly appointed members of the 2016 Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Board. Colyer and his wife Andrea naturally raise Merino sheep and sell yarns, sheepskins and meat from their farm.

10 years ago (Nov. 25, 2010)

Anyone driving in the center of Barre these days from Summer Street is now greeted by a new and spectacular “Welcome to Barre” sign, located on the town Common between James and South Streets. Gone is its outdated and decaying predecessor, along with the overgrown shrubbery that had overtaken the sign in recent years. In its place stands a handsome and elegant new landmark, created by David Armstrong of Armstrong Sign & Design in Petersham. The new sign is dedicated to former Barre librarian, selectman and town official, James E. Sullivan, who passed away in October at the age of 82.

When we are young, each of us has a dream we’d like to achieve as we grow older; an image of ourselves years in the future of places we’ll be going and things we’ll be doing. For some of us this path takes longer than for others, but for one Barre native, this dream has become a reality. Nicholas

In Past Pages

LOOK BACK
Senior Thanksgiving Dinner - 1995



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Randy Phelps, left, chef at Quabbin Regional High School, was in charge of ordering and preparing the Thanksgiving meal for senior citizens. With him are Sal Imperato, and George Buck, who worked the event.

Borelli Jr., a former Barre resident and graduate of Quabbin Regional High School has recently achieved his long-time goal of becoming a television meteorologist and while he claims he is still on the lengthy road towards where he’d like to eventually be, he is very happy to have his feet firmly upon the path to reaching that end.

On a very balmy day in November, 425 athletes went to Gillette Stadium to compete in the Massachusetts flag football and cheer leading games. Friends and families were in the stands to cheer them on. Three of the Central Mass Shamrocks are from Rutland, they are: Mason Cousineau, Nate Cousineau and Ryan Bean. They placed second and came home with silver medals.

25 years ago (Nov. 22, 1995)

Ralph Willey, with a proud grin and a twinkle in his eye, accepted the sixth annual Frank J. Gromelski Community Service Award at the Thanksgiving dinner for senior citizens held last Saturday at Quabbin Regional High School. Sponsors of the event were the Barre Lions Club and Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge. The award was presented by King Lion George Buck, who outlined the many ways in which Ralph had served the community.

Corridon and Margaret Trask of South Street were recently honored at an anniversary dinner celebrating their marriage of 50 years. Well over 100 family members and close friends gathered at the George L. Thorng American Legion Post 404 to share in the joy of the special occasion. Corry and Peg were married on Navy Day, Oct. 27, 1945 in Durham, NH.

Christine Saari of Hubbardston will participate in a holiday concert by the Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras, in the New England Conservatory’s Jordan Hall. Saari, a senior at Quabbin Regional High School, will play the flute in concert. She is the daughter of David and Judith Saari of Mayo Road.

38 years ago (Nov. 24, 1982)

“They keep telling me ‘next year...next year,’ but then they don’t do anything about it. I wish they’d hurry up, ‘cause I’ll be 71 in April and I’d like to see it up.” What Paul Mann is referring to is the proposed Vietnam memorial for Barre. He and his wife Clarice Mann, formerly of School Street, Barre will be observing the 13th anniversary of their foster son, Edward Cormier’s death on Thursday, November 25. Cormier died at the age of 19 in Guanlio, Vietnam. He is the only resident of Barre known to have died in Vietnam. The estimated cost of the monument is \$10,000.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Smith and Mrs. Madeline Willey, Associate Conductress and Associate Matron of Cradle Rock Chapter No. 125 of Barre, Order of the Easter Star, attended an Association Meeting in Fitchburg.

Last Thursday over 70 people enjoyed an early Thanksgiving dinner at the Barre Nutrition Meal Site in the American Legion Hall. Entertainment was provided by Mrs. Dorothy Friend, Sam Lamacchia and Jim Sullivan. Mrs. Gloria Castriotta is the site manager who welcomes everyone in a most gracious manner and efficiently arranges these special events

Guest column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,
I hope you have been enjoying this warm weather just as much as Missy and I have. She has been outside cleaning up all the gardens and getting things ready for winter.

She has now come in from her cleaning chores and is going to feed the birdies and has invited me to go outside with her. Hooray, hey wait just a minute, there are no leaves on the deck for me to play with. Oh, there they are in the corner by the cellar door. I will hurry down there and have fun. I can jump in them and slide my face through them as there is quite a pile there

I looked up and saw Missy looking over the railing and laughing at me. “Okay, Gertrude, it is time to go back in.” “Daw gone it,” I said and went back into the house.

As it was nice and warm outside, I didn’t need to go by the heater, so I decided on a quick drink of water and a grooming to get my paws nice and clean after swishing the leaves and dirt.

As I was doing this, I spotted a little silvery ball by the waste basket and decided to give it a whack. Wow, it sailed across the kitchen floor right into the hallway and me right after it. Then I hit it into the bedroom and under the bed where I had lots of fun until it went under the big bureau. I couldn’t get it out by lying on my back and I knew I couldn’t go behind the bureau to get it.

What to do now? Oh, there is the laundry basket that Missy’s daughter just brought back. I think I will jump upon that nice fluffy towel and have a nap. I had just about gone to sleep when I heard, “Gertrude, where are you?” I didn’t move a muscle and pretended to be sound asleep. I knew I was in trouble. “Oh, there you are,” she said and left. Gee, no scolding. That’s got to be a first.

Have a good week folks,
Love, Gertrude



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– Patrica Masten

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Such a change in the weather. It was 30 for two days this week and I almost landed on my rump going out to get bird seed in the shed as the deck was all ice. I decided to bring in the bird seed and put it in the garage. The birds are eating a lot this year. We are bringing in the feeders as something took off with my suet feeder.

I went to the shed and took out an old fashioned wire frame toaster to use over an open fire. I put the suet cake in it and clamped it shut and the birds love it. Hang it with the handle and more than one bird can feed off of it. I will have to send that idea into "Birds and Bloom" magazine.

For those who plan to celebrate Thanksgiving, I hope you stay safe. We have decided to stay home and purchase a small cooked chicken. Here is a recipe that my friend Nancy likes to serve.

CREAMED ONIONS

3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour

1-1/2 cups milk
1/2 teaspoon paprika
salt and pepper to taste
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon dry sherry (not cooking sherry)
2 jars whole small onions, rinsed and drained
1 tablespoon butter, melted
1/4 cup breadcrumbs
paprika for sprinkling on top

Melt butter in a medium sauce pan. Add flour and blend until smooth. Whisk in cold milk gradually over medium heat, stirring constantly until sauce boils and becomes thickened. Season with paprika and Worcestershire sauce, sherry and salt and pepper. Combine sauce with drained onions and pour into a buttered round casserole dish. Combine melted butter and breadcrumbs, sprinkle top of casserole with crumbs and dust with paprika as desired. Bake in 350 degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes, until bubbly

and top is browned.

Note: May add 2/3 cup of grated cheddar cheese to the sauce as it cooks and thickens.

This and That

I finally was able to figure out why I couldn't load pictures from my camera to the computer. The disk I had did not work with the computer, but I had another camera that did work. I took pictures of all my Thanksgiving decorations for a test.

I have been watercoloring cards this week and when I want to rest from raking leaves I have been reading a good book.

I got to send out for a grinder for supper one night. It is a good way to give the cook a day off. The grinders are so big Ken and I shared one.

Ken celebrated his 89th birthday and we sent out for pizzas and chicken wings.

Have a good week and wear your mask in public. Things are very scary right now.

Where is this?

This week's mystery photo is from Oakham. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, Nov. 23. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Dick Clark, Stephen Craven, Barbara Laborde, Raul Laborde and Bruce Towner correctly identified the photo. Last week's photo was of the back of Walnut Grove Cemetery in North Brookfield.

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Christmas by Candlelight returns to OSV

STURBRIDGE – Christmas by Candlelight will return to Old Sturbridge Village this December, as a time-honored tradition of the season celebrating New England Christmases of the 19th century and today.

On select dates in December, from 3-8 p.m., the village will open special for guests to take in the holiday cheer. Tickets are on sale now for members and will go on sale to the general public on Nov. 17. This annual event has been re-imagined in 2020 with safety in mind, taking many favorite activities outdoors. Guests can see demonstrations of classic Christmas projects like knitting stockings, wreath-making, natural ornament-making and more and watch as costumed interpreters create a traditional Christmas meal or work on special projects such as making ice skates or a sled from scratch.

A horse-drawn carryall, a large wagon, will run throughout the village offering rides and several bonfires will be lit throughout the night to warm up beside.

A returning favorite of the event, visitors are invited to stroll the Christmas Tree Trail, new in 2019, featuring dozens of sparkling, decorated trees. Tucked away from the hustle and bustle of the Common, the trail welcomes wanderers in to enjoy the sights, ending at the special Christmas Wish Bridge. Several dates during December offer additional activities for guests including members' shopping nights on Dec. 4-6 and the firing of OSV's 24-foot kiln for the second time this year, on Dec. 18-20. The 15,000-brick kiln found outside of OSV's Pottery Shop can fit approximately 1,000 pieces of pottery stacked 10-feet high within its walls. It is a fan favorite among many visitors, who come to the village.

Also, a feature of the holiday event, the annual Gingerbread House Contest is going virtual. Participants from near and far can register by Nov. 30 to compete in one of four categories - adult non-professional, adult professional, youth and family. Photos of the gingerbread house entries will be judged in each category, awarding a winner and runner-up, with "Best in Show House" voted on by the general public. Winners will receive a gift certificate to Old Sturbridge Village.

Christmas by Candlelight is an evening of traditions, memories, and holiday cheer at Old Sturbridge Village, with families and visitors returning year after year to enjoy the experience. Tickets for the event are on sale now to members at the discounted rate of \$20 for adults and \$10 for youth (ages 4-17). Tickets go on sale to the general public on Nov. 17 at \$22 for adults and \$11 for youth (ages 4-17). Admission is free for children ages three and under. Tickets must be purchased in advance for the date and time of attendance. People may visit <https://www.osv.org/event/christmas-by-candlelight-2020/> for available dates and time blocks, along with current Massachusetts and visitor guidelines around COVID-19.

Sack Hunger now a virtual bag at Big Y

SPRINGFIELD – In order to simplify this season of giving food to those in need, Big Y has turned their annual Sack Hunger campaign from a \$10 sack of groceries to a more simplified \$5 donation to one of five food banks within their two state marketing area. In turn, these food banks support local soup kitchens, food pantries, senior food programs, day care centers and many others of the 2,100 member agencies that they help every day. Their goal is to maximize access to nutritious food and other resources that support food security for those at risk of hunger.

In the past, customers would purchase a Sack Hunger bag filled with staple non-perishable food items, which Big Y would distribute to that region's local food bank. This year's \$5 virtual sack makes it easier than ever to help. It can be purchased at any register from amongst Big Y's 71 supermarkets, Fresh Acres Specialty Market or Table & Vine Fine Wines and Liquors. In addition, customers

can donate online at <https://www.bigy.com/rs/GiftCards>. To further support the increased needs within their community during this pandemic, Big Y will be matching all donations throughout the program which runs from now through the end of the year. Every \$5 donation brings 10 meals to those in need of support.

According to Big Y's president and CEO, Charles L. D'Amour, "Throughout our 85 year history, we've recognized the importance of helping our communities. This year is no different. We know that our customers and employees are eager to support families across Massachusetts and Connecticut. Our new virtual Sack Hunger bag makes it simpler for the food banks to do their work. And with Big Y's matching donation, we anticipate even more help for our friends and neighbors as we respond to increased needs brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic."

Big Y has donated an additional \$250,000 to the food banks so

far this year due to increased food insecurity throughout the pandemic. In addition to Sack Hunger, Big Y donates healthy food to these food banks six days a week throughout the year. Most of last year's almost 6 million meals consisted of donations of meat and fresh produce, bakery, nonperishable grocery items, frozen food and dairy items. Over the past ten years including Sack Hunger, Big Y has donated over \$10.5 million dollars worth of food or 21 million meals to those in need. The five food banks are Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, Worcester County Food Bank, Greater Boston Food Bank, Foodshare of Greater Hartford and The Connecticut Food Bank.

For the second year, Table & Vine will partner with The Crusher wines to donate \$1 for every bottle sold of "The Crusher Pinot Noir" to Sack Hunger. For more information, customers are invited to #DontJustSackHungerCrushIt on TableandVine.com.

Financial audit

He said Scanlon Associates was conducting the annual financial audit. Findings from the audit should be presented to the board in early December.

Other business

Selectmen unanimously voted to approve a Memorandum of Understanding to support a grant application with Q-DRUG. They also voted to sign the Quick Claim deed for the sale of town owned property, lot 4 and 5 on Ragged Hill Road. Town counsel already reviewed the deed.

Selectman Katie Young said Light Bright would be held the first week of December. She said applications for entries in the house decorating contest were available on the town website and Facebook.

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said the town would be testing a new online service in the Assessing Department to see if it was a good fit. The service allows residents the ability to speak with a customer service representative at the touch of the button. The service connects directly with RRG via chat, phone or video and allows residents to upload documents, print documents or get shared-screen instruction. The tax classification hearing will be held Monday, Nov. 30.

School roof update

The town administrator said procurement for the Hubbardston Center School roof would be in March 2021. The project would start in June and the town would

begin paying for it in the fall. Selectman chair Daniel Galante said there should be a member of the board of selectmen on the roof committee. Selectman Jeffrey Williams said he has been part of the roof project since the beginning and volunteered to serve on the roof committee.

Financial report

The town administrator said the town expended 24.4% of its appropriated funds for the first quarter and it was "where we want to be for the first quarter." Revenue was at 25% of expected projections and was the same last year. The state informed the town it was selected for another DLRT grant, allowing the town to fund the last chapter of its Master Plan without using the dedicated free cash fund from town meeting.

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Administrative Review Subcommittee

Mark Brophy of the Administrative Review Subcommittee said the subcommittee met with Superintendent Muir to go over her goals. She is in the third and final year of the New Superintendent Induction Program. The school committee voted to approve the draft of the superintendent's goals.

The superintendent's contract expires June 2021. The school committee authorized the chair and vice-chair to negotiate her contract.

Other business

Evan Barringer of the Teacher Advisory said the teachers continued to work incredibly hard.

An airflow exchange study will start at the high school next week. When they finish at the high school, they will go to the district elementary schools. When completed, the company will present air quality recommendations.

The committee went into executive session to work on contract negotiations. Gregory O'Sullivan of the Barre Board of Selectmen was selected as the selectmen's representative by board of selectmen members in the five-member towns.

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quilted it. Normally, the quilt is raffled at the annual Harvest and Holly Fair at the church in November, which will not be held. Quilt tickets are \$2 each. The drawing will take place Sunday, Nov. 22 at the church. People may call Edna Holloway at 508-882-3619 for tickets.

Church services

Sunday, Nov. 22 the Oakham Congregational Church will hold Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. in the church sanctuary. Sunday School will be held in Fellowship Hall. People should wear a mask and practice social distancing in the sanctuary and at Sunday School.

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Cornerstone Bank promotes Heather Dumais to VP lender

WORCESTER – Cornerstone Bank announces the recent promotion of Heather E. Dumais from AVP, commercial lender to VP, commercial lender. Dumais has been in the banking industry for over 30 years. She has spent 12 years as a commercial loan officer, five of which have been at Cornerstone Bank.

She specializes in working with

small business customers and providing guidance through the SBA loan process. She is passionate about finding the right solutions to fit her clients’ financial needs and cares about the success of their businesses.

Dumais graduated from Boston University with a BA in economics. She is an active member of the local community, serving on the Board

of Directors for RCAP Solutions in Worcester. In her spare time, she enjoys golfing and traveling.

“Heather is a valued member of the Commercial Lending team,” said Cornerstone Bank President and Treasurer Todd M. Tallman. “She provides unparalleled service to her small business clients, and we look forward to her growth and success as

VP, Commercial Lender.”

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To help people cope with the pre-holiday anxiety and uncertainty, Ahlstrom is providing a two-hour workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 24 from 10 a.m. to noon called “Gratitude for the Simple Things in Life with Eowyn Ahlstrom.” The cost of the class is free, however there are options to donate \$5, \$10, or \$20 when you register on eventbrite. Donations help keep programs like this affordable and accessible for all. Thanks to a generous grant from the Barre Savings Bank Charitable Foundation, scholarship/free tick-

ets are available and no one will be turned away for financial reasons.

“While recognizing the challenges of this time, how can we access the innate human gifts of warmth, kindness and care for one another and ourselves, and appreciation for the possibility of simple moments of contentment, perhaps even joy?” Ahlstrom said. Participants in her workshop will be guided in gentle mindful movements and meditations to “help to release stress” and be “open to the gifts of gratitude.” The two-hour session includes not only movement and meditation, but also discussion and a time for questions. Processing and connecting the body’s movement

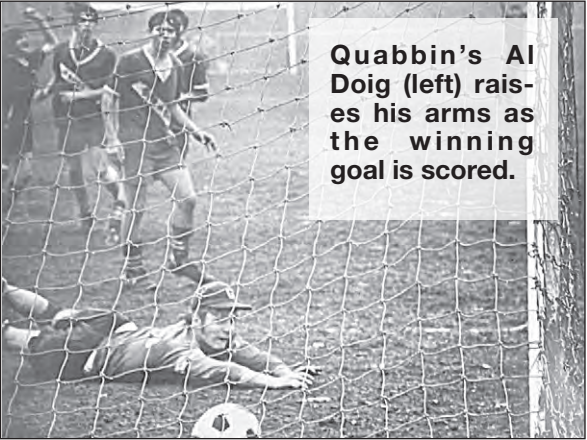
with thoughts and feelings helps to bring participants to a peaceful state of mind.

This workshop is open to people of all abilities, no previous experience is necessary. Registration is required and space is limited. To register, people may go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gratitude-for-the-simple-things-in-life-with-eowyn-ahlstrom-tickets-126120428597>, visit www.listeningwellness.org or find them on Facebook. Ahlstrom is also excited to offer a similar workshop for next month called, “Turning Towards The Light” on Saturday, Dec. 19, just in time for Winter Solstice and holiday celebrations.



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Eowyn Ahlstrom will lead a mindful motion/meditation workshop via Zoom with the Listening Wellness Center.



Quabbin’s Al Doig (left) raises his arms as the winning goal is scored.

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Quabbin would need.

The outstanding play of fullbacks Dave Whamond and Chet Welch, on in reserve of Podbelski, the incredible stand up goaltending of Czabaj, and the hustling total team effort made Quabbin the champion.

“With only 45 seconds left, we just had to play prevent (defense),” Orszulak remembered. “Someone on our side just kicked the ball down the other end, then the horn went off and suddenly all of our fans stormed the field. It was just an incredible.”

Campbell remember that after the game, and the on-field celebration, the players wanted to go visit Podbelski and give him the trophy.

He laughingly remembered eight muddled players piling into his wife station wagon and arriving at Wesson Hospital.

“Here we were, eight of the dirtiest, muddiest guys you ever saw in your life, walking into the lobby and looking for Walter,” Campbell said. “The nurses were trying to keep us in one place, but Czabaj was walking around hollering, ‘Where’s that bum Polock?’”

After a bit of fast talking, the teammates were admitted into the room and presented Podbelski with the trophy and were able to take their injured teammate home with them.

The Panthers were back in the thick of things again the next year, winning the Western Mass crown for the second year in a row in the fall of 1971.

Then in 1973, Quabbin soccer achieved statewide supremacy when the Panthers squad followed up their third Western Mass title in four years with the state, small schools’ championship over Nauset. 1-0.

Sports historians will recall the 1970 championship season as the one that Quabbin first made a name for itself as a soccer powerhouse. It also became the first team inducted into the school’s athletic hall of fame in 2007 – the same year coach Campbell was inducted.

Following the 1970 championship, an all-school assembly was held to honor the team the next day. Dressed in uniforms, the team was introduced, Campbell spoke and a slide show captured highlights of the game.

When the shot of the Doig goal appeared on the screen, the entire student body erupted in loud cheers.

“It was the first championship for a Quabbin team and it really seemed to pull the whole school together,” noted Orszulak.



Coach Charlie Campbell and Quabbin athletic director Mike Staiti exhibit the championship trophy

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was heading I gave the rest to the chickens; at least they got to enjoy them.

Gratefully my mom will provide the coveted butternut squash for Thanksgiving dinner. There is an easy way to prepare it without peeling and chopping! Simply wash the squash and cut it in half length-wise. Then, scoop out the seeds and bake cut-side down on a greased cookie sheet or in a casserole dish. At 375 degrees, a butternut can take anywhere from 40 minutes to one hour to cook. Test by inserting a fork into the thickest part of flesh; if it goes in easily, it’s done! Scoop out all of the flesh, even the caramelized parts, and mash with a fork or an immersion blender depending on how chunky (or not!) you like it. Season it to taste with cinnamon or better yet, pumpkin pie spice. And if you have a sweet tooth, try adding maple syrup or brown sugar; or even a bit of molasses. A little butter helps too!

Did you know that you can substitute home grown cooked winter squash for any recipe that calls for canned pumpkin, even pumpkin pie? Most folks know that it is squash inside the can anyhow....sweeter and less stringy than their pumpkin cousins. While butternuts are my favorite to grow, I do also like the ‘Delicata’ and ‘Sweet Dumplings’ for taste. They are rich with a depth of flavor. I just wish they were more productive. One plant produces three fruits at the most.

I think I am going to give squash growing a break for a year. Maybe the borers will go away and I’ll be blessed with a good harvest sometime in the future. It would be really sad to think my squash growing days are over. That makes me think about what I should be grateful for this year, garden-wise. Kale, spinach and the cut flowers come to mind...ah, the flowers. I am especially excited about my growing dahlia collection. It would be fun to trade tubers and share the wealth!

But alas, I digress...Let’s get back on topic. Don’t feel the need to gobble up your butternut squash bounty in a hurry; this type of squash has been known to keep through spring and beyond if stored in a dry, 55-degree location. For me, the mudroom has always worked out well to store my winter squash. My mom, on the other hand, has good luck placing hers in trays off the floor in her basement. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

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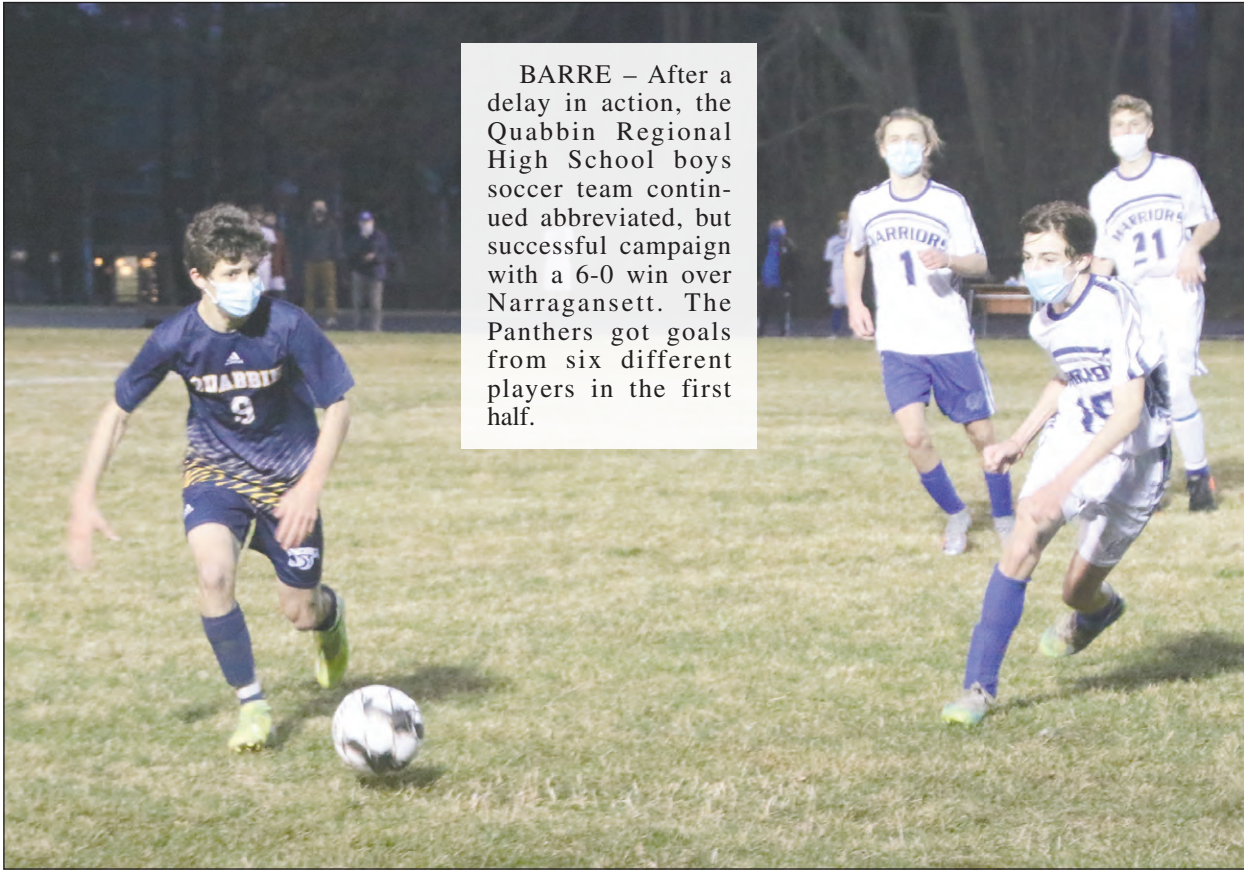
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Panthers win in return to action



BARRE – After a delay in action, the Quabbin Regional High School boys soccer team continued abbreviated, but successful campaign with a 6-0 win over Narragansett. The Panthers got goals from six different players in the first half.

Matthew Marsh looks for an opening with pressure coming on.



A junior varsity player joins the action.



Colin Arnold starts play up the field.



Alexandre Balzora-Rivert looks back at his teammate he receives a pass.



Matthew Aremburg is hit as he kicks the ball away.



Kelan Mahoney winds up for a free kick.

Fall season concludes for high school teams

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – The Massachusetts High School fall season wraps up at the end of the week, it could be largely seen as a massive success as many teams were able to play in athletic contests for the first time in more than six months.

High school athletics were forced to shut down indefinitely following the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic. For Massachusetts, it occurred during the semifinals of the state basketball tournament and all state semifinal winners were considered co-champions and the state championship games were not played.

Following that, spring sports were delayed a few times, before sports and school overall, were called off for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, leaving spring athletes graduating with no final season.

With the pandemic still ongoing, but numbers of positive tests dropping to nearly 0.8 percent, high school sports were allowed to resume with modified rules, few fans, and a limited schedule that introduced the concept of bubble play, something that could be considered tough for Western Massachusetts teams, which are used to leagues that are put together based on level of competitiveness in order to maintain balance in most sports.

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Photos wanted for Panthers sports

BARRE – With the upcoming season and a limited number of games and opportunities to feature fall athletes, the Barre Gazette is in need of and is welcoming any and all photo submissions of fall sports beginning next week. If you are interested in either taking or submitting photos from Quabbin home games for use in the Barre Gazette, please contact editor Gregory A. Scibelli at sports@turley.com.

Help feature your student-athletes

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The fall season is nearing its end and Turley Publications has been all over the action.

But with this unpredictable season there have been temporary or in some cases, permanent stoppages in play, and we still want to help feature your athletes, especially those who are seniors this year.

We continue to ask for help on this season in order to bring the best coverage we can possibly manage and fill our pages with names and color.

We know that fans will be limited to the home crowds, but that is where you all come in.

We have a limited number of staff to start the school year due to the pandemic, and while we strive to get to as many games as possible, we cannot get to everywhere.

If you are a parent, coach, or even player, and you have information or photographs to

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Pioneers fall to Panthers



Ava Theoclis angles toward the sideline.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER — Prior to this season, no member of the Palmer girls varsity soccer team had ever recorded 100 career points.

Junior forward Madalyn Theriault put her name into the history books by reaching the elite milestone during the Lady Panthers 7-2 victory over the Pathfinder Lady Pioneers at Duke Field on Nov. 9.

“Reaching 100 career points has always been one of my goals and I’m thankful to have achieved this milestone,” said Theriault, who became a member of the girls’ varsity soccer team as an eighth grader. “It was definitely the hardest point to get during my entire high school career. I couldn’t have done it with the help of my teammates.”

Theriault also thanked Nick Marciano, who’s the Lady Panthers girls’ varsity soccer coach, along with Celso Sandavol, and Dave Denault, who were her premier soccer coaches. Sandavol is also the Palmer girls’ junior varsity soccer coach.

“All of my soccer coaches have really helped me a lot,” she said.



Sophia Dobek takes a long kick.

“I probably wouldn’t be the soccer player that I am today without them.”

Marciano has enjoyed having Theriault play for his soccer team during the past four years.

“Maddy is an outstanding soccer player and I think she’ll go far in this sport,” Marciano said. “She plays soccer all year long, which has helped her a lot.”

Theriault entered the home match against Pathfinder, which was played on a beautiful fall afternoon, one point away from reaching the milestone.

The magic moment took place five minutes into the opening quarter. After receiving a pass from junior midfielder Ava Denault along the right sideline, Theriault fired a low breakaway shot into the back of the net past Pathfinder senior goalkeeper Jylian Augar.

“I was anxious before the game and all of the weight was lifted off my shoulders after I scored my first goal,” said Theriault. “The rest of the game was a lot more fun for me.”

Theriault who finished the home match by posting her first hat-trick of the season, had been stuck on 99 career points since



Savannah Ranzie gets ready to cross the ball.



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Cordelia Hageman plays a ball off her shin.

a 5-1 home win against Ware on Oct. 8. She didn’t record any points in Palmer’s next three games against Monson, South Hadley, and Belchertown. The Lady Panthers season was then put on pause for two weeks

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Sport-specific guidelines still to come for winter sports

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – The full Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs updated guidelines were released by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association were released late last week.

The MIAA and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has been working with the EEA obtain guidance and follow protocols in order to get student-athletes back on the field.

In August, the EEA deemed basketball, football, soccer, wrestling, lacrosse, cheerleading, and ice hockey as high-risk sports.

As a result of that designation, contests in those sports were not allowed, and summer basketball and soccer leagues were completely shut down.

Soccer was able to return during fall sports with major modifications to play, especially a low-level

of contact and mask-wearing by all participants.

But it is still unknown exactly what guidelines will be made in order to make basketball and ice hockey playable. As of now, the EEA is allowing Level 3 play, which permits contests between schools, but does not allow for tournaments. The MIAA officially cancelled the winter tournaments recently and the season is supposed to end on Feb. 21, 2020.

Basketball and hockey both involve sustained high contact. In the case of basketball, there is also a lot of sweating that spreads between players through close contact and the basketball itself. During the fall season, girls volleyball, the only indoor sport played during the season, rotated a new volleyball before each play. That may not be feasible in the faster moving game of basketball.

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MASCAC cancels winter sports season

WESTFIELD – The NCAA has released winter sport guidelines and the state of Massachusetts recently updated their winter sport policies. After an in-depth review of the information from the state and NCAA, consultation among the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) Presidents, athletic directors, and athletic trainers and after exhausting all possibilities, including a review of the risks involved, the eight MASCAC Presidents have made the difficult decision to cancel all winter sports competition. This includes the sports of men’s and women’s basketball, men’s ice hockey and men’s and women’s indoor track and field.

Similar to the fall sports, the state universities are planning to provide winter sport student-athletes with on-campus, in-person practices, conditioning and training opportunities throughout their traditional season to support their physical and mental well-being. These practice and training oppor-

tunities will not use a year of NCAA Eligibility and will be done in compliance with the campus, state, federal and NCAA COVID guidance and protocols.

“The MASCAC Presidents have been continuously observing the pandemic and guidelines from local, state, federal and NCAA officials which has led us to the decision to cancel winter sports competition during the spring semester,” said Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts President James Birge, Chair of the MASCAC Council of Presidents.

Affiliates will be able to schedule nonconference contests at their discretion.

“We explored countless scenarios to find a safe path forward with the evolving recommendations and policies from the NCAA and the state for our winter sport student-athletes,” said MASCAC Commissioner Angela Baumann. “After consultation with our medi-

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Education

Regis College lists dean’s list

WESTON – Regis College announces 603 students made the dean’s list for academic achievement for the 2020 spring semester. Victoria Tsongalis of Gilbertville, class of 2021 was among those who made the dean’s list.

To be eligible for the dean’s list as a senior, junior or sophomore at Regis, a student must have a semester grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.50. For first-year students, a semester GPA of at least 3.25 must be attained.

“I am very pleased to see so many of our students excelling across the university,” said Regis College Vice President of Academic Affairs, Mary Erina Driscoll, PhD. “The dean’s list and the diversity of academic disciplines speak to a dedicated student body and to a faculty that promotes intellectual curiosity and achievement.”



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Fitchburg State changes operation due to COVID-19 spike

FITCHBURG – Fitchburg State University will close its residence halls and switch to remote delivery of most courses later this month in response to a spike of COVID-19 cases in the city.

“These steps are being taken as a direct result of a steep rise in COVID-19 infections in the city of Fitchburg and the surrounding areas,” President Lapidus said in a memo to the campus community on Thursday morning. “This increase in infection rate has begun to impact our campus. The state’s

‘Stop the Spread’ program will soon be implemented in Fitchburg as a means of working toward curtailing new infections.”

The changes were announced after consultation with local officials and public health professionals. The university will switch to remote instruction - with the exception of a small number of pre-approved face-to-face classes - no later than Saturday, Nov. 21.

Residence halls will close for the semester at midnight Sunday, Nov. 22. Students in

pre-approved face-to-face classes and those approved due to extenuating circumstances may remain in the residence halls. Additional information was being shared with residential students, including adjustments to housing and dining charges.

The university is continuing its weekly COVID-19 testing protocol and invited students to take advantage of testing prior to any Thanksgiving-related travel.

The spring semester will start one week later than originally planned, with classes beginning

Monday, Jan. 25. The spring recess scheduled for March has been cancelled, though four “wellness days” have been added to the academic schedule.

In his memo to the campus, President Lapidus praised the university community’s response.

“The COVID-19 pandemic, while challenging and stressful for all, has also demonstrated the outstanding character and caring nature of our campus community,” Lapidus said. “People have shown compassion, empathy, and a heightened

sense of responsibility for the well-being of others. I am proud that so many members of our community have stepped-up and acted in a safe and responsible manner this semester.

“Though every positive COVID-19 case is one too many, because of your efforts, we have been able to keep the number of positive cases on campus small among our students, faculty, and staff,” Lapidus continued. “By further de-densifying our campus, we are better able to preserve the health and safety of all.”

Charter public school seeks donations for kindergarten bike program

WORCESTER – Kindergarteners at Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School may soon be riding bikes in their PE classes.

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Launched in March 2018, there are already 225 schools in 35 states with All Kids Bike Kindergarten PE Programs.

PE Teacher Kendra Warhol applied for the program, outlining the benefits Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School

students would experience. She said, “We are hoping to add a biking unit to the kindergarten and first grade physical education program to provide an additional form of outdoor play for our youngest students to be stretched and grow in their gross motor skill development as well as their self-confidence. The biking unit will allow us to uniquely work to develop strong interpersonal skills, such as perseverance and citizenship. Many of our students reside in neighborhoods where outdoor play and biking is limited or unavailable. We want to help our students learn this lifelong skill, find joy in physical activity and encourage them to live healthier lives as they grow.”

The Kindergarten PE Program is designed for children of all abilities and hopes to instill healthy habits at a young age. “One of the best ways to get kids active is to get them excited about bicycles,” says All

Kids Bike board member, Ryan McFarland, “It’s a skill that is going to serve them in life.”

To learn more about the program or make a donation, people may visit <http://support.allkids-bike.org/abby-kelley-foster-charter-public-school>.

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Most soccer, field hockey, and girls volleyball teams that participated had 10-12 contests scheduled, and for the most part, those contests were played.

Many schools developed a schedule that went from Oct. 1 to about Nov. 6. The final two weeks of the season were reserved for makeup games if schools had to shut down operations or for any other postponements.

While there has been a major spike of cases and several communities went “into the red” under the state metrics measuring coronavirus transmission risks, most schools were able to get most of, if not, their entire seasons played.

There were just a few

schools with some remaining games this week, including Pathfinder, Ware, and Palmer. Quabbin, Quaboag, North Brookfield, and Tantasqua also had a few remaining contests to play this week after some Central Mass. teams had to shut down their play.

Athletes persevered through the modification of play. More than anything, they had to get used to ramping up to heavy running while wearing masks, a rule that had to be enforced strictly due to the insistence of local health directors in order to control communities from any major spreads.

While there have been major outbreaks the state government has attributed house parties, there were not any known cases of major outbreaks among high school sports teams. There were some isolated cases and

games postponed due to contact tracing leading to some quarantining, but no major sickness among the teams.

The season was also made very successful by a coordinated effort among athletic directors to have proper protocols in place and staff to help enforce mask-wearing and social distancing. Soccer and girls volleyball had extra staff used to clean and sanitize game balls. Girls volleyball cycled in new balls on every play.

The season unfortunately concluded without any tournaments for the first time in years. This would have been the final year for state-sanctioned sectional tournaments. The state is still scheduled to go to a statewide tournament format next fall, when hopefully a full, normal season will be played.

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share, we definitely want to hear from you.

If you don’t see one of our photographers at a game, please feel free to send your own action photos of games in order to bolster our coverage. If you are interested in regularly submitted photos, please do

contact us.

Otherwise, we would love to hear from anyone who reports scores, details, and any milestones that occur during this unprecedented season. Please be sure the information you provide us is accurate and check with coaches, if necessary, before submitting.

Additionally, with the various senior games that have

been held already or are still waiting to be held, we welcome submitted photos from those events and information about graduating seniors who participated in Fall I sports.

We also encourage all coaches to submit their results and details as much as possible. Send any and all information and photos for inclusion to sports@turley.com.

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Wrestling will not be allowed to compete in school-to-school competition but will be allowed to practice. There can be some intrasquad contests among individual teams, but no other competitions will be allowed at this time. It is unknown if wrestling could take place in the bubble season, as football will be the prevalent sport during that season and many wrestlers also play football.

Football is still scheduled to take place in late February through mid-April in what is being called “Fall 2” or a bubble season. Football and cheerleading are both supposed to take place in that season.

With talks of a vaccine now emerging during the past week, it is very possible that

there could be modifications to each sports as the vaccine becomes more widely available and individuals are vaccinated for COVID-19.

The EEA is mandating face coverings for all sports with the exception of swimming. Swimming is also supposed to be able to take place, but with modifications made to limit the number of participants in a pool area.

The PVIAC only allowed home fans at outdoor contests during the fall with some schools allowing no fans at all for various reasons, including the ability to control attendance. A few schools allowed one guest per home athlete in volleyball, while most did not allow any fans. It is unknown whether any fans will be permitted at basketball and hockey contests.

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Twenty fourth Sunday After Pentecost “Talents and Gains”

I. Introduction:

There are many people who know how to work with money, how to invest well, and get good returns on their investments, then there are those who have some knowledge and would say, we're doing all right with our money, and then there are others who do not even have enough to invest at all. Whether it is about saving and investing money, or investing one's time to create something, like a garden, planting seeds or bulbs, and see the result of what we planted, or a carpenter, planning and building a beautiful staircase or cabinets, or parents and caregivers raising our kids with certain values, and see how they turn out later on in life, a lot of what we do in life is about what we put in, and getting back, so to speak. It is also about the impact of that investment on our lives or the lives of our families and others.

II. Talents and gains

Our passage here in Matthew has to do with money. While in the English language we would use the word talents as the natural gifts or skills we have, the Greek word talanton refers to a large amount of money, in gold or silver. It is about an employer who gave three of his workers different amounts of money. He then left to go on a long journey. We see how the first two of these workers, traded with their money and received more money back and the third worker decided for reasons he explained to the employer, that he would rather bury his money in a hole, and of course did not use it to make more money.

Then, when the man returned, he checked in on them, and they reported what they had done with their money. It is not that the first two workers were better than the other one, it is just that they used their resources to their advantage, they increased what they had been given. The third one did not waste his money; he just did not do anything with it.

It does appear, however that there was an expectation from the employer that these workers would take responsibility for what they were given. He even showed excitement for the achievements for the first two workers, and as a reward he promised them that they will be given even more responsibilities. They will be put in charge of many things, he says. Now, these first two individuals did not receive the same amount of money, and that does not seem to be the issue, but rather what they were able to do with what they were given. We do not know whether they knew how much the other one was getting, and maybe there was some ill feeling about it?

Either way, it was not little money, but large sums of money.

They were also given time to do business and trade as much as they could, to show something with the money they received. The employer was gone for a long time, the parable says, so they had

all the time to invest their money.

III. We are Disciples of the Kingdom of Heaven

Now, we know that all these parables Jesus told, have a moral to the story. In verse 14, He says, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a man who goes on a journey and left these amounts of money with his workers. Jesus obviously knew quite a lot about trading practices of the day, because what is being described in this parable is about how things were done, and the expectations of the inner circles about money making.

The Kingdom of heaven, Jesus says, is like this story. As disciples and followers of Me, you all receive what is given to you through the gift of the Spirit, and you are all different in your abilities, but you have the resources coming from God to you, with the hope that you will take responsibility for what you received, while being on this earth. He is essentially letting them know through this symbolic language that He will be going away, and will return at the end of time, and will see what has been done with the gifts that have been given to all His followers, how they have spent their time and resources with what they received. Where are the fruits of their labor?

The first two workers we see are very enthusiastic to show their gains to their employer. They must have looked at the money, and thought, we cannot let this money just sit around. They will not gain much in our purses. Let us go and trade. Similarly, discipleship does not come with little resources, no, money dries up, but the gifts given to you, my disciples do not dry up. You have it all the time with you, in different amounts and shapes, but you also have the Giver of those gifts with you to sustain, bless and guide you as you live your lives till the end of time. If upon my return, someone cannot show me the fruits of your labor, then I will place judgment on you then. But please remember, there is enough time on your side to be good and effective disciples. I need you in this world to be that for Me. Then I want you to be ready when I come again at the end of time. I want to see how you have been and how you have acted. I want to see the love for God and one another, because you have the love of God inside of you. I want to see your enthusiasm for how you have used your gifts, and I will bless you manifold.

IV. Conclusion

Dear members and friends of Barre Congregational Church. This is a message for you and for me. As children of God, and members of this church, we have been called to be God's children and disciples; we have been given different gifts and resources according to our abilities by God through Christ, with the Holy Spirit living inside of us. We must discern always what those gifts are that are given to us personally. They are not the same from one to the other person. We are all different, but we are all children of God, and we must live accordingly while we are living during this time on earth before He comes

again. We are going through a difficult time during this pandemic, but as a church, and individuals, we must carry on in our different capacities to serve God and our people. We are called to love God and one another. That is the life of children of the Kingdom of heaven. We are shown a third person who made excuses for why he did not use his money productively, and he gets scolded harshly. Let us not be like this third worker, burying our heads in the sand, giving up, because we do not do God's work through our own power, but through the power of God with and in us. I appeal to all of us to hold on, to stay together, and as we enter this Thanksgiving period and Advent during a time like this, not to give up, but to prayerfully find ways to get through this difficult time, because we have our Living Hope within us.

May God help and bless us all as Disciples of Christ, called by God.

Amen

Pastor Margaret Keyser

Barre Congregational Church

WWJD?

“WWJD?” is an acronym for the question, “What would Jesus do?”. This query gained some popularity years back in the Christian community (e.g., appearing on t-shirts, bumper stickers, etc.), as it can be a helpful guide in navigating life and living. Of course, if we are to know what Christ would do in the here-and-now, we must understand how He lived in centuries past! What were the defining characteristics of Jesus' life?

1) Submission

The life of Christ was marked by submission unto His heavenly Father. Jesus was utterly obedient to the Word of God and yielded to His divine will. Even when obedience to God would mean His own death via crucifixion, Jesus was willing to follow with unyielding devotion. Consider this scene from the night of Jesus' arrest:

Matthew 26:36-39

36 . . . Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” 37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” 39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

2) Specific Purpose

The life of Christ was marked by specific purpose. In other words, Jesus had a definitive mission that He was sent to accomplish: to seek and to save sinful humanity (Luke 19:10). Everything that He did, taught and pursued was connected to this overarching assignment-with no deviation. You cannot comprehend the life of Jesus Christ or aspire to His pattern of living apart from understanding His sense of mission!

3) Seriousness

Jesus' life was characterized by a spiritual seriousness. I am not claiming that Jesus never laughed or smiled! Rather, I am saying that He knew that He had a task to fulfill and He was diligent unto its accomplishment. Jesus did not tolerate wasted time or distraction, recognizing that He had a limited amount of time to accomplish His mighty work. As Christ Himself indicated:

John 9:4

4 “I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.”

4) Sacrificial Service

Jesus' life was characterized by sacrificial service. To study the life of Christ is to study the life of One who made Himself the servant of all. Whether it was through His teaching, the working of miracles or the offering of His literal body and blood, Jesus modeled a life of selfless love.

Mark 10:45

45 “For . . . the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Philippians 2:7-8

7 [Jesus] made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

5) Supremacy

The life of Christ ended in supremacy! His sense of submission, specific purpose, seriousness and personal sacrifice was met with divine exaltation, elevation and eternal reward! Consider the following passage in its full context:

Philippians 2:7-11

7 [Jesus] made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

As I close, are you aspiring to such an example? Are you living as Jesus did? To what degree is your life marked by the virtues outlined in this writing? These are probing questions, but they are worthy of prayerful consideration. To live as Jesus did should be our highest aim and aspiration, and those who walk in His steps shall know His reward!

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Feel free to check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org or visit us in person each Sunday at 10:30am (COVID-19 protocols are presented on the aforementioned website). We hope to see you soon!

Pastor James Foley

*New Life Assembly of God
South Barre*

on chip shots by sophomore Ava Theoclis, who played for Palmer a year ago. Her first goal was assisted by freshman Victoria Stephens. Freshman Sasha Williams was given the assist on Pathfinder's second goal.

The other three Pathfinder players, who also played soccer at Palmer High School, are freshman Sophia Dobek, sophomore Stephanie Kozlick, and junior Cordelia Hageman.

With the Lady Panthers holding a comfortable 4-0 advantage, Marciano moved Theriault back to defense late in the first half.

The only position that Theriault hasn't played during her outstanding varsity soccer career is goalkeeper. She doesn't plan on making saves in the future.

“I never want to be a goalie because I don't think I would be very good at that position,” she said.

“I'll play any other position on the field to help my team.”

The three Lady Panthers second half goals were scored by freshman Payton Baer, junior Caitlin Lebel, and Theriault.

The two Lady Pioneers goals after half time were scored

minutes later.

The home team was given an indirect kick inside the box following a head ball, which aren't allowed this year because of COVID. Denault tapped the ball over to Theriault, who blasted a shot into the back of the net.

“Ava has assisted on most of the goals during my high school career,” Theriault said. “We practice a lot together and we're like a dynamic duo.”

Denault's final assist of the game came on a goal by Mega, who's one of the senior captains, which increased the Lady Panthers lead to 3-0 with eight minutes remaining in the opening quarter.

Theriault was credited with the assist on the only goal by either team during the second quarter, which was scored by sophomore Gwen Dugan.

According to Marciano, Amy Dugan, who is Gwen's aunt, finished her high school soccer career with 84 points, which had been the highest point total in the program's history. Dugan is currently living in California and played soccer at Dartmouth College.

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because of COVID-19.

“It was definitely frustrating,” said Theriault, who trained on her own during the two weeks her team was off. “I just couldn't wait to get back out onto the field again with my teammates. I'm so glad that we'll have the opportunity to play a couple of more games with the seniors.”

The seven seniors for Palmer are Chelsea Bigos, Avery Labonte, Olivia Sloat, Olivia Coughlin, Jillian Lombardi, Miyah Mega, and Abby Rathbone.

Ava Denault, who wound up with three assists in the Pathfinder game, and Theriault have known each other since they were in kindergarten.

“Maddy has worked so hard to reach this milestone. Everyone on the team is very proud of her,” Denault said. “She's one of my best friends and it has been awesome being teammates with her on the soccer team the past four years.”

Denault and Theriault hooked up again about three

Obituaries

1st Lt. Mark Nathaniel Brunelle, 26



OAKHAM – 1st Lt. Mark Nathaniel Brunelle, of Oakham, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020, at the age of 26.

Mark was born on Mother's Day, May 8, 1994, and was raised in Oakham. He attended Oakham Center School and graduated from Quabbin Regional Junior/Senior High School with academic distinction as part of the National Honor Society in 2012.

Growing up in Oakham, Mark could always be found riding his bike, playing with trucks in the sandbox or running around with wooden swords in the yard with his brothers. As he grew older, Mark spent his time working at Pine Acres Campground, working the race track in Ware, hunting and fishing with his father and brothers or out driving around the prison camps in his '86 Bronco. He loved to swim and bodysurf at the beach and was a member of the Quabbin Cross Country and Track team in high school. Mark also participated in Boy Scouts throughout his childhood achieving the rank of Eagle Scout on May 12, 2012. Above all though, Mark had a love and passion for flying.

At a young age, Mark decided he would become a fighter pilot and set his sights on achieving that goal. Mark was awarded a full Marine NROTC scholarship to attend Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida. Between his junior and senior year at Embry Riddle, Mark attended Marine Corps Officer Candidates School, graduating on July 3, 2015, in Quantico, Virginia. On May 10, 2016, Mark graduated with a bachelor of science degree in aeronautical science, earning his FAA multi-engine/instrument flight ratings, and received a regular commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. 2nd LT Mark Brunelle received his first salute from his grandfather, Sgt. Ernest C. Brunelle USMC.

Following completion of The Basic School at Marine Corps Base Quantico in Virginia on March 1, 2017, Mark was assigned to Training Air Wing FIVE, Naval Air Station Whiting Field to complete his Primary Flight Training, earning a Certificate of Merit in recognition of his superior performance, a distinction achieved by only 8% of students trained annually.

Mark then became a Tiger of



Training Squadron NINE flying T-45C Goshawk Jet Trainers at Naval Air Station Meridian in Mississippi. Following a long year of training that culminated with his carrier qualifications aboard the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74), 1st LT Mark Brunelle received his Wings of Gold, pinned on by his father, Cpl.

Michael M. Brunelle USMC, on Oct. 25, 2019, designating him a Marine Naval Aviator. It was this day Mark received his assignment to fly the F-35B Lightning II with VFMAT-501 at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort in South Carolina.

Mark enjoyed sharing his love of life with others in so many ways. He loved cooking large breakfasts and grilling steaks for his family and friends to come together, holding large bonfires and lighting off fireworks. He cared greatly for others and loved to help others succeed in their passions; whether it was studying with classmates, mentoring young midshipmen or helping his sisters move, Mark was always there with a smile on his face.

Mark is fondly remembered by his parents, father, Michael Brunelle, and mother, Donna Brunelle, his four siblings, Ellen, Megan, Matthew and Jack, his paternal grandparents, Ernest and Marilyn Brunelle, maternal grandmother, Phyllis Brandon, his uncles, Jeff Brunelle and Ed Marks, his aunt, Susan Potet, and his cousins Elise Lewis, Nikki Marks and Andre and Annie Potet. Mark is predeceased by his aunt, Paula Marks.

Family and friends were invited to attend calling hours on Friday, Nov. 13, from 4 to 7 p.m., in St. Joseph's Church, 296 North Main St., in North Brookfield. The funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 11 a.m., in St. Joseph's Church.

Burial with military honors followed in Pine Grove Cemetery, Old Turnpike Road, in Oakham. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home, 44 Gilbert St., in North Brookfield.

DEATH NOTICE

Brunelle, 1st Lt. Mark Nathaniel
Died: Oct. 31, 2020
Funeral Mass: Nov. 14, 11 a.m.
St. Joseph's Church
North Brookfield

New Life Assembly to hold Thanksgiving meal giveaway

SOUTH BARRE — New Life Assembly of God, 60 Main St., will be giving away Thanksgiving supply packages to local families in need. Each package will include a 10-14-lb turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce and a canned vegetable item. These supply boxes will be given away at the church

on Friday, Nov. 20 from 6-7 p.m. to the first 30 families who come (limit one per household). Supplies are limited, so they will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor James Foley at 978-355-6407 or online at www.NewLifeBarre.org.

Tri-Parish Community Church news

HARDWICK — The Tri-Parish Community Church tried a new beginning to its Sunday morning service at the Hardwick Universalist Church. Due to the coronavirus and masks and social distancing, music has been lim-

ited inside the church. So, under the direction of Tammi Chisholm of New Braintree, hymn singing took place for half an hour prior to the 10 a.m. service on the church lawn. The Nov. 22 service will be led by Jennifer Pollard at 10 a.m.

Church to hold turkey dinner fundraiser

WEST BROOKFIELD – The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, UCC, 36 N. Main St., is hosting a to go hot turkey sandwich dinner Sunday, Dec. 6. Menu includes open-faced turkey sandwich, secret recipe stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce and choice of slice of homemade

pie - apple or pumpkin. The dinners are \$10 each. The deadline for reservations is Friday, Dec. 4. People may call Nancy at 413-267-3863. Payment at pick-up. Pick-up will be from 5-6:30 p.m. People should specify pie choice and time for pick-up with phone reservation.



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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Sunday, Nov. 1
2:51 p.m. Citizen Assist South Street – Report Filed
Summons: Ashley M. Murray, 33, Barre
Assault and Battery; Destruction of Property +\$1200, Wanton c255 §127

Monday, Nov. 2
6:31 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued
1:48 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency South Barre Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal

Tuesday, Nov. 3
8:49 a.m. Welfare Check Pleasant Street – Transported to Hospital
9:03 a.m. Fire, Motor Vehicle Accident Summer Street – Vehicle Towed

Wednesday, Nov. 4
9:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Barre Road – Citation Issued
1:18 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Exchange Street – Transported to Hospital
7:45 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Dana Road – Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Nov. 5
12:58 p.m. Vandalism Valley Road – Investigated
8:19 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Worcester Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal

Friday, Nov. 6
4:11 a.m. Fire, Motor Vehicle Accident Williamsville Road – Report Filed
10:47 a.m. Serve Warrant Rte. 122 – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Izaak D. Pelletier, 23, South Barre
Warrant
12:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Worcester Road – Vehicle Towed
4:47 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Moulton Street – Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Nov. 7
6:33 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Peach Street – Ambulance Signed Refusal

Sunday, Nov. 8
10:34 p.m. Threats Exchange

Street – Investigation (On-going)

Monday, Nov. 9
9:32 a.m. Fraud South Street – Officer Spoke to Party
9:54 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Trafalgar Square – Transported to Hospital
4:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Vernon Avenue – Written Warning
7:47 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Ruggles Lane – Transported to Hospital
8:35 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Ruggles Lane – Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Nov. 10
9:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Arrest(s) Made
Summons: Dennis M. Rizzo, 50, Fiskdale
Disorderly Conduct; Lewdness, Open and Gross
2:31 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Worcester Road – Vehicle Towed
Summons: Preston White, 19, South Barre
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense; Snow/Recreational Vehicle – Public Way Violation; Snow/Recreational Vehicle – Unregistered
3:36 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency North Brookfield Road – Transported to Hospital
5:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Valley Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal
11:10 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Summer Street – Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Nov. 11
2:18 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Austin Street – Ambulance Signed Refusal
8:55 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Valley Road – Citation Issued
11:43 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Valley Road – Referred to Other Agency
11:59 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Worcester Road – Report Filed
9:25 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Varney Lane – Ambulance Signed Refusal

9:53 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Hancock Road – Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Nov. 12
9:20 a.m. Fraud South Street – Officer Spoke to Party
9:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident South Barre Road – No Police Service Necessary
10:44 a.m. Fraud South Street – Officer Spoke to Party
8:13 p.m. Serve Warrant Valley Road – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Stephanie A. Fernandes, 38, Barre
Warrant (Probation Violation, Electronic Monitor)

Friday, Nov. 13
1:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued
5:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop West Street – Citation Issued

Saturday, Nov. 14
2:44 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Ruggles Lane – Transported to Hospital
7 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency West Street – Transported to Hospital
7:14 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Oakham Road – Transported to Hospital

Sunday, Nov. 15
5:47 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency High Street South – Referred to Other Agency

South Barre

Thursday, Nov. 5
1:39 p.m. Vandalism Britton Road West – Officer Advised

Sunday, Nov. 8
4:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Theft Britton Road West – Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, Nov. 12
9:54 a.m. Fraud South Street – Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, Nov. 13
4:25 p.m. Fraud North Brookfield Road – Information

Oakham Police Log

Tuesday, Nov. 3
3:18 p.m. Fraud Gray Oaks Lane – Officer Advised

Wednesday, Nov. 4
1:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Worcester Road – Referred to Other Agency
12:04 p.m. Missing Person Old Schoolhouse Road – Located/Found
12:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old Turnpike Road – Citation Issued

Friday, Nov. 6
4:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued

Saturday, Nov. 7
10:58 a.m. Larceny Edson Road – Officer Advised
7:33 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Ware Corner Road – Transported to Hospital

Monday, Nov. 9
3:47 p.m. Fire, Motor Vehicle Accident Old Turnpike Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal

Tuesday, Nov. 10
10:49 p.m. Fire, Brush New Braintree Road – Fire Extinguished

Wednesday, Nov. 11
9:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old Turnpike Road – Citation Issued
10:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old Turnpike Road – Citation Issued
10:25 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Gaffney Road – Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Nov. 12
11:48 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Bullard Road – No Fire Service Necessary

Hubbardston Police Log

Sunday, Nov. 1
8:42 p.m. Fire, Arcing Wires New Templeton Road – Referred to Other Agency
10:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Worcester Road – Investigated

Monday, Nov. 2
4:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Brigham Street – Citation Issued
6:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

Tuesday, Nov. 3
12:32 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Madison Way – Transported to Hospital
1:30 p.m. Assault Elm Street – Report Filed
Summons: Bella M. Kaldera, 61, Hubbardston
Assault and Battery

Wednesday, Nov. 4
11:31 a.m. Fraud Main Street – Officer Spoke to Party
3:38 p.m. Fraud Georgie Lane – Report Filed

Thursday, Nov. 5
6:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Old Boston Turnpike – Officer Spoke to Party
1:41 p.m. Property Damage Old Boston Turnpike – Area Search Negative

Friday, Nov. 6
4:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Citation Issued

Saturday, Nov. 7
9:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Vehicle Towed
Summons: Jared I. Cruz, 25, Worcester
License Suspended for OUI, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Lights Violation, Motor Vehicle

Sunday, Nov. 8
8:22 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Gardner Road – Referred to Other Agency

Monday, Nov. 9
7:39 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency

Bemis Road – Transported to Hospital
3:51 p.m. Identity Theft Main Street – Information Taken
5:57 p.m. Fraud Underwood Road – Report Filed
5:57 p.m. Fraud Rollingwoods Road – Report Filed

Tuesday, Nov. 10
11:39 a.m. Identity Theft Barre Road – Information Taken
12:17 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Williamsville Road – Transported to Hospital
2:10 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Grimes Road – Transported to Hospital
3:53 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Kruse Road – Transported to Hospital

Friday, Nov. 13
4:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Citation Issued
5:16 p.m. Fraud Kruse Road – Officer Took Call
6:09 p.m. Property Damage Main Street – Services Rendered

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, Nov. 1
8:47 a.m. Larceny Briarwood Road – Information Taken
9:41 a.m. Fire, Motor Vehicle Accident Barre Paxton Road – Report Filed
3:50 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Kenwood Drive – Ambulance Signed Refusal

Monday, Nov. 2
9:13 a.m. Welfare Check Irish Lane – Transported to Hospital
2:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Main Street – Citation Issued
5:19 p.m. Threats Thurston Hill Road – Report Filed

Tuesday, Nov. 3
12:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Written Warning
12:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Vehicle Towed
Summons: Daniel J. Guzzetti, 26, North Grafton
Registration Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Unregistered Motor Vehicle
5:25 a.m. Fire, Explosion Pleasantdale Road – Investigated
7:54 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Michael Drive – Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Nov. 4
1:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Worcester Road – Referred to Other Agency
9:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Citation Issued
11:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Vehicle Towed
Summons: Jossie I. Rivera, 25, Spencer
Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID; Unregistered Motor Vehicle; Uninsured Motor Vehicle
2:11 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Village Way – Transported to Hospital
2:18 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Wilson Way – Referred to Other Agency
3:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pommogussett Road – Written Warning
3:46 p.m. Fraud Winifreds Way – Officer Spoke to Party
4:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Criminal Complaint
Summons: Xavier M. Davis, 23, Barre
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle; Unregistered Motor Vehicle
8:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Written Warning
9:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Criminal Complaint
Summons: Jeffrey W. Barrett, 26, Spencer

Thursday, Nov. 5
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle

Thursday, Nov. 5
8:18 a.m. Identity Theft Lynwood Drive – Report Filed
9:29 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Main Street – Public Assist
12:02 p.m. Fraud Lantern Lane – Officer Spoke to Party
12:32 p.m. Identity Theft Vista Circle – Report Filed
2:18 p.m. Property Damage Kenwood Drive – Area Search Negative
2:47 p.m. Missing Person Main Street – Officer Spoke to Party
3 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
3:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Citation Issued
3:31 p.m. Fraud Maggies Way – Report Filed
3:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Written Warning
4:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
4:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
8:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning

Friday, Nov. 6
8:48 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Anthony Drive – Services Rendered
3:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Main Street – Ambulance Signed Refusal
9:06 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Barre Paxton Road – Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Nov. 7
7 a.m. Gunshots Bigelow Road – Investigated
1:41 p.m. Threats Thurston Hill Road – Officer Spoke to Party
4:45 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Main Street – Transported to Hospital
4:55 p.m. Fire, Water Rescue Incident Main Street – Rescued
7:33 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Ware Corner Road – Transported to Hospital

Sunday, Nov. 8
10:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue – Vehicle Towed
1:38 p.m. Fraud Briarwood Road – Report Filed

Monday, Nov. 9
2:45 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Maple Avenue – Transported to Hospital
12:22 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Miles Road – Transported to Hospital
3:47 p.m. Fire, Motor Vehicle

Accident Old Turnpike Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal
5:10 p.m. Harassment Main Street – Area Search Negative

Tuesday, Nov. 10
9:40 a.m. Identity Theft Paddock Road – Report Filed
2:54 p.m. Breaking and Entering Past Residential Beechwood Drive – Officer Spoke to Party
5:10 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Mark Circle – Transported to Hospital
5:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident East County Road – Vehicle Towed

Wednesday, Nov. 11
8:38 a.m. Fraud East County Road – Officer Spoke to Party
9:01 a.m. Harassment Miles Road – Officer Advised
10:25 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Gaffney Road – Transported to Hospital
10:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Criminal Complaint
Summons: Christopher M. Bridgwood, 25, Fitchburg
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With
12:06 p.m. Identity Theft Rebecca Ann Drive – Message Delivered
12:07 p.m. Gunshots Glenwood Road – Investigated
12:58 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Barre Paxton Road – Transported to Hospital
1:24 p.m. Fraud Watson Lane – Report Filed
4:19 p.m. Fraud Prescott Street – Report Filed
4:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Citation Issued
4:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road – Written Warning
5:19 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Valley View Circle – Officer Spoke to Party
5:43 p.m. Fraud Grizzly Drive – Officer Spoke to Party
7:56 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Morris Lane – Referred to Other Agency
8:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Charnock Hill Road – Written Warning
9:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Intervale Road – Services Rendered
9:58 p.m. Vandalism Main Street – Services Rendered
Arrest: Nicole C. England, 26, Worcester
Vandalize Property c266 §126A; Trespass; Vandalize Property c266 §126A; Vandalize Property c266 §126A; Trespass; OUI-Liquor or .08%; Marked Lanes Violation

Public Notices

BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** at the American Legion, Post 2, 450 South Barre Road requested by Ted Strzelecki and Solar Wolf Energy for the installation of two ground mount systems per Town of Barre, Zoning, Chapter 140-10.1 Solar Energy Facilities Special Permit and Site Plan Review for property located at 582 Wauwinet Road, Assessors Map E, Lot 60. The plan may be viewed at the Planning Board Office by appointment.
Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.
Douglas Martin
Chairman
11/19, 11/26/2020

Town of Barre PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Establishment of

Liquor License
TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on **Monday, November 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA on a proposed establishment of an Wine and Malt Common Victualler License for Susan Mason dba The Barre Art Center for premises located at 61 Pleasant Street, Barre, MA. Persons wishing to comment may do so at that time. The Board will also consider written comments received prior to the hearing.
This will be a virtual meeting in accordance with orders issued by the Governor during the current State of Emergency. There will be no in-person attendance by the public. Persons may attend and participate in the hearing by using the **online Zoom** application at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82619781437?pwd=RTkhOHF2b1pMQ1ZKNTRQVZCZ2lrQT09orbycalling+1312626799>.

Meeting ID: 826 1978 1437, **Passcode:** 458956.
For the Board of Selectmen:
Jessica Sizer
Town Administrator
11/12, 11/19/2020

Town of Barre PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Tax Classification Hearing
TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, November 30, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA for the purpose of selecting a residential factor which will determine the percentages of tax burden to be borne by each class of property for fiscal year 2021. Persons wishing to comment may do so at that time. The Board will also consider written comments received prior to the hearing.
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For the Board of Selectmen:
Jessica Sizer
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11/12, 11/19/2020

TOWN OF BARRE 2021 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
The Town of Barre's 2021 Special Town Meeting will be held **Saturday, November 21st at 10:00 am** in the Quabbin Regional High School gymnasium at 872 South Street. Please wear a mask and all social distancing and sanitization protocols will be followed.
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Autonomic nervous system

4. At or near the stern

7. Adenosine triphosphate

10. Polynesian garland of flowers

11. Chinese revolutionary

12. Green veggie

13. Large group

15. Swiss river

16. Semiaquatic mammal

19. Wrongdoers

21. Home to Disney World

23. Spanish doctors

24. Newborn child

25. Absence of difficulty

26. Large, stocky lizard

27. Earned top billing

30. A long wandering

and eventful journey

34. Water (French)

35. Brew

36. Winged horse

41. A usually malignant tumor

45. Alfred __, American actor

46. Austrian river

47. A reminder of past events

50. Connected with

54. Status

55. Dean residence

56. Egyptian city

57. Boxing's GOAT

59. Straits along the Red Sea

60. "The Partridge Family" actress

61. Get some color

62. Facilitates hearing

63. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

1. Speak up

2. More informative

3. Where passengers sit

4. Gathered

5. Supervises flying

6. Home of the Blue Jays

7. Public statement of regret

8. Lockjaw

9. Indian city

13. Patriots' Newton

14. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)

17. Sun up in New York

18. Eggs in female fish

20. Stood up

22. NBA legend Willis

27. Calendar month (abbr.)

28. Exercise regimen __-bo

29. The 8th month (abbr.)

31. __ Paulo, city

32. Tall deciduous tree

33. Affirmative

37. Notified of danger

38. NFL game days

39. Archaic term for "to"

40. Plant pores

41. Canned fish

42. Phil __, former CIA

43. Connects with

44. Of the skull

47. Time zone (abbr.)

48. When you hope to get there

49. Hindu goddess

51. Land

52. Pitching stat

53. Field force unit

58. Lakers' crosstown rivals

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